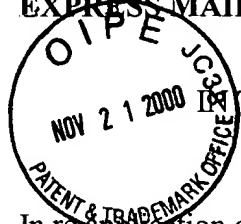


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In re application of: Stephane Menard, *et al.*

Art Unit: 1746

Appl. No.: 09/596,876

Examiner:: Not Yet Assigned

Filed: June 19, 2000

Attorney Docket: SIMN:004

For: BISTABLE SWITCH WITH SHAPE
MEMORY METAL

**Response to Notice to File
Missing Parts of Application**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231
ATTN: Box Missing Parts

Sir:

In response to the **Notice to File Missing Parts of Application--Filing Date Granted** dated September 22, 2000, Applicant(s) submits the following documents for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

- ☒ Copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts;
- ☒ Original Declaration, executed by the inventors;
- ☒ Return postcard; and
- ☒ Our Check for \$474.00 to cover:

\$355.00 Filing Fee for Patent Application (37 C.F.R. § 1.16)

\$54.00 Fee for excess claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16)

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By submission of fees based on Small Entity Status, Applicants assert that they are qualified to claim Small Entity. It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 08-3038 referencing docket number SIMN:004. If extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those otherwise provided for herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned, and any fees therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 08-3038 referencing docket number SIMN:004. A duplicate copy of this Response is enclosed.

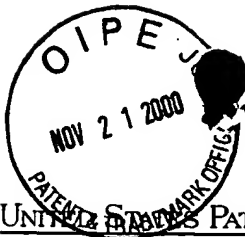
Respectfully submitted,

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Date: November 21, 2000

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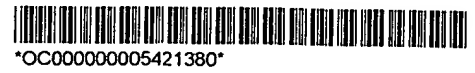
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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 690 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$108.
 - \$108 for 6 total claims over 20.
- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 928.

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